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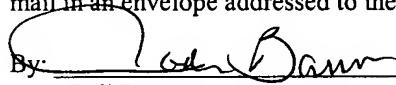
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

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The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

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a. Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

b. X This application claims priority to application Serial No. 09/809,357, now Patent 6,595,955, filed March 15, 2001. Copies of the references listed on the attached PTO-1149 form were provided with the aforementioned parent case and with related case Serial No 10/409,819 filed April 8, 2003.

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE

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a. X Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).

b. A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language as follows:

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- a. No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
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- c. some of the items of information were cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office. As to this information, the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS. As to the remaining information, the undersigned hereby certifies that no item of this remaining information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designed in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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- b. X Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449.
- c. Copies of cited references are enclosed.
- d. Some of the listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.

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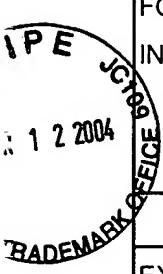
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